CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	thesimpsonsporn3-1
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1001393.000
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	14 October 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it tends to support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The printout explicitly depicts well known child cartoon characters engaged in sexual activity with adult characters. Despite the image's obvious crude parody, it still normalises the idea that sex involving children is acceptable as entertainment. As such, it tends to support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes, and is deemed objectionable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which fall under the criteria of s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 will be deemed objectionable. The classification is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect vulnerable young children from exploitation.